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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA

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- 1. EMBASSY AGREES WITH MORE STRINGENT AIRCRAFT LICENSING CONDITIONS PROPOSED REFTEL. WHILE DISTRIBUTORS WILL NOT BE ENTHUSIASTIC, THEY WILL PROBABLY DO THEIR BEST TO IMPLEMENT THEM IN VIEW OF THEIR VITAL INTEREST IN MAINTAINING SUPPLY OF LIGHT AIRCRAFT.
- 2. DISTRIBUTORS WILL NO DOUBT POINT OUT THEIR LIMITED MEANS TO ENFORCE REPORTING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ON RESALE PURCHASES. THEY CAN, HOWEVER, INDEPENDENTLY MONITOR CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP THROUGH CIVIL AIRCRAFT REGISTER WHICH SHOULD ENABLE THEM TO MEET MOST REPORTING REQIREMENTS WHETHER OR NOT SELLER REPORTS TRANSACTION. THROUGH REGISTER DISTRIBUTORS SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY CONFIDENTIAL

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RE-SALE PURCHASER AND REQUEST ANY CERTIFICATION AND ADVISE HIM OF PROHIBITION AGAINST MILITARY OR PARA-MILITARY USE.

3. IN SUM, WE BELIEVE NEW LICENSE CONDITIONS MAY BE SIGNIFICANT DETERRENT TO USE OF U.S. ORIGIN AIRCRAFT IN COMMANDOS ALTHOUGH, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, THEY WILL NOT

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